

GRAMMAR PRACTICE 1

Present simple / Present continuous / Past simple / Past continuous

1. Complete the sentences with the verbs below. Use the present simple or present continuous.

smell / not sleep / visit / have / cost / sell / cook / not bother / burn / travel

1. I often.....yoghurt and fruit for breakfast, but today I bacon and eggs.
2. Sure, I can talk. You me. I'm in bed, but I
3. Oh no! Something!youit?
4. We never.....abroad. Instead, we..... places in Britain.
5. This laptop usually£360 , but we..... it this week for only £285.

2. Complete the text using present simple or present continuous.

A different kind of teacher

I am a teacher but (not work) in a school. I (teach) in film and TV studios and in student's homes. My students are school-age actors who (appear) in plays, films and TV shows. During the weeks or months of work, they haven't got time to attend school, so they (study) with private tutors like me. At the moment, I (tutor) a famous young actor. He (prepare) for his A-levels and he (start) to get very nervous about the exams –just like everyone else. I'm sure he (not want) his fans to know that!

3. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. My cousin (not swim) when we (arrive) at the lake. She (read) a book.
2. As we (drive) to the new cinema, (miss) the turn and (get) lost.
3. Catherine (call) while she (shop)?
She (want) to ask you something.
4. Yesterday, Larry (break) his glasses while he
(climb) the ladder. They (fall) on the floor.
5. We (travel) in France during the summer when we (hear) the bad news. We (come) home immediately.

4. Complete the passage with the correct form of the words in brackets.

Last night I (1) (see) the popular BBC cooking programme – Ready, Steady, Cook. While I (2) (watch), I (3) (try) to understand why it's so popular. This is what (4) (happen) on the show: First, two women (5) (bring) a bag of unprepared food into the studio for the celebrity chefs. They (6) (start) to cook. While the chefs (7) (cook), the women (8) (help) them. The chefs and their helpers (9) (not have) much time. While they (10) (prepare) the food, the audience (11) (watch) the clock. In the middle of the show, I (12) (realise) that I (13) (not enjoy) it, because nothing very interesting (14) (happen).

5. Complete the mini-dialogues with the verbs in brackets. Use the Present Simple, Present Continuous, Past Simple or Past Continuous.

1. **A:** Hey Dave, where were you yesterday? I you (call) all day.
B: Don't you remember? I (visit) my cousin every Monday afternoon.
2. **A:** I (not know) that Susan and Joe moved to London.
B: Yes, they (stay) with friends until they find a flat to rent.
3. **A:** I (not think) I passed the exam yesterday.
B: Me too! I (not answer) half the questions.
4. **A:** Look at Alexa. Why she (look) so upset?
B: She (probably/think) about her brother. She (miss) him a lot.
5. **A:** Why you (wait) outside in the dark? Come inside.
B: I (want) to see the sunrise. It's supposed to be awesome.
6. **A:** What was that? It (sound) like an explosion.
B: It's fine. They (knock down) an old building in the city centre.
7. **A:** When you (leave) tomorrow morning?
B: Very early! The lesson (begin) at 9 am and I (not want) to be late. Last week, I (sit) on a bus in traffic and I (miss) the first half of the lesson.